

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is requested.

The examiner is requested to initial and date the Form PTO-1449 (copy attached) filed in the USPTO on November, 8, 2004, with Applicants' Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy attached). Also attached is a copy of the referenced EPO Search Report and a copy of Applicants' return post card with November 8, 2004, OIPE date stamp acknowledging receipt of the foregoing.

The three references to the ~~flex cable 24~~ in the specification section of page 2 of the first Office Action have been corrected to read flex cable 26 as suggested by the examiner. The examiner is thanked for a thorough reading of the specification.

In the first Office Action, Claims 1, 3-4, 8-11, 13-14 and 18-20 were rejected for lack of novelty over Inoue et al. However, the examiner indicated that Claims 2, 5-7, 12 and 15-17 would be allowed if re-written in independent form. The claims have been amended so that the allowable subject matter has be re-written in independent form. Accordingly, the allowance of Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-36 is requested. The lack of anticipation rejections are moot.

Dependency of Claim 4 has been corrected as suggested by the examiner. Again, examiner's careful reading of the application is appreciated. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 5 which the examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 5 and 15 have been amended to change housing to carriage to correct readily apparent mistakes.

New independent Claim 21 is a combination of original Claims 1 and 5. New dependent Claims 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 correspond to original Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, respectively. New independent Claim 29 is a combination of original Claims 11 and

17. New dependent Claims 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 correspond to original Claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19, respectively.

It is noted that there was an inadvertent error in Fig. 5, as originally filed, namely, there is a digit 1 inside of a circle indicated on the inductive pad 88, which is merely an artifact. A proposed drawing correction, shown in red ink, is transmitted herewith, along with a corrected REPLACEMENT SHEET 2/3, in anticipation of the examiner's approval of this correction.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and notification to this effect is solicited. Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025 for the additional claim fees of \$900, along with any additional fees required at this time

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Jester".

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please allow Fig. 5 to be corrected as shown in red ink in the attached photocopy. A corrected REPLACEMENT SHEET 2/3 is transmitted herewith in anticipation of the examiner's approval of the proposed change.

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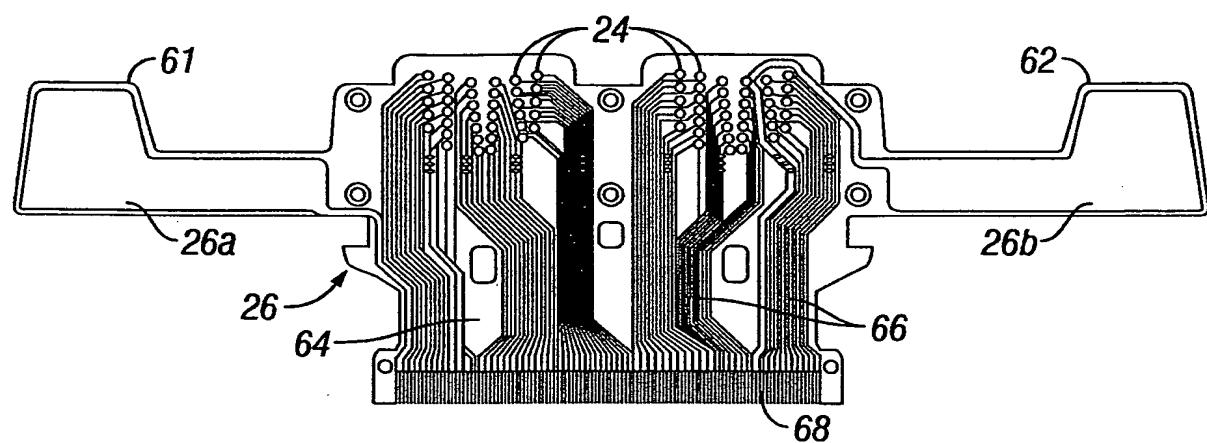


FIG. 3

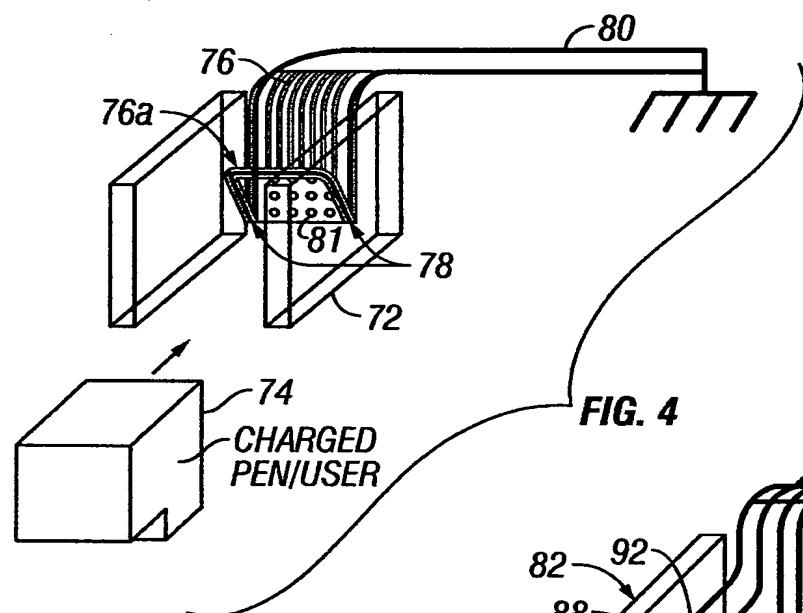


FIG. 4

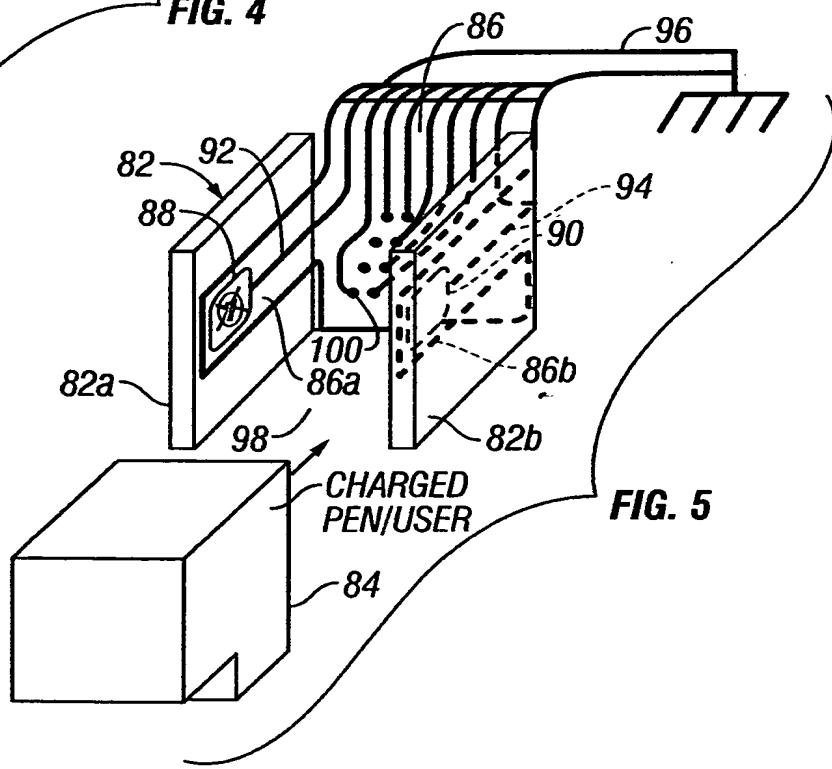


FIG. 5